Pennsylvania is not paying its fair share for public schools. It ranks 45th in the country in state share of education costs.

What does this mean for the Ferndale Area School District?

- **22%** Share of school funding provided by local taxpayers to Ferndale Area.
- **11** Number of times Ferndale Area has raised property taxes in the last 12 years.
- **450** Ferndale Area rank in terms of local tax effort out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).
- **$2.3M** The increase in state funding for Ferndale Area if it were fully funded by the state.

How much is spent to educate district students?

- **$19,454** Current spending per student in Ferndale Area.
- **108** Ferndale Area rank in current spending out of 500 school districts (#1 being the highest).

Let your elected officials know you support more funding for your schools and sensible property tax relief:

These elected officials currently represent the communities this school district serves.

- **Senators**
  - Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R)

- **Representatives**
  - Rep. Frank Burns (D)
  - Rep. James Rigby (R)
**Ferndale Area**
School District Factsheet 2023

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**Here is what has changed for the district since 2011 when the state dramatically reduced education funding:**

- **+ $1,619,861 + 26%**
  Increase in instructional costs for the district

- **+ $315,267 + 5%**
  Change in state funding to cover instructional costs

- **+ 28% + $379,980**
  Change in expenditures for special education

- **+ 32% +$148,519**
  Change in state revenue dedicated to special education

- **+ 172% + $290,824**
  Change in payments to charter schools

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